

# Stumble Onto a METHAMPHETAMINE Scene and You Could be in Serious Danger – Immediately!!!

## Formula for Disaster

# METHAMPHETAMINE

### ***Dangerous to First Responders***

#### ***WHY YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED:***

Methamphetamine is a dangerous drug that exposes everyone to serious health and environmental danger.

It is cooked using household and agricultural chemicals that become highly unstable and very toxic.

As a first responder, you are in the highest risk category for coming across a Methamphetamine lab and placing yourself in immediate danger. Toxic gases, unstable/explosive chemicals, and chemical fires can result in serious burns, collapsed lungs, and other serious health injuries and death.

In addition, first responders can find Methamphetamine users who show elevated levels of extreme anger, aggression, delusions, hallucinations, and paranoid schizophrenia.

#### ***WHAT TO LOOK FOR:***

- Strong chemical odors coming from boarded up structures, motel rooms, and trunks of vehicles.
- Suspicious chemical spills in fields, yards, and ponds.
- Discarded Methamphetamine cooking paraphernalia like large quantities of empty aerosol cans containing engine starting fluid, cold medicine packages, plastic bottles with hoses, lithium batteries, and small coolers.

#### ***HOW TO REPORT IT:***

If you are responding to a call and you come across Methamphetamine activities/lab... **STOP!!!**

Do not enter the property and immediately call 911.

Notify dispatch of a Methamphetamine site. Dispatch will then notify the Michigan State Police Methamphetamine Response Team.

If you suspect/witness suspicious activities that could be Methamphetamine, call the Methamphetamine Tip Line.

#### ***PROTECTING the SCENE***

A Methamphetamine scene is a crime scene. In addition to personnel safety issues, special care must be taken to preserve the scene until the Methamphetamine Response Team and forensic scientists can arrive. Because of the unstable environment and contamination concerns, media and public perimeters should be set some distance from the scene.

Suspects from the scene should be quarantined and not allowed to contaminate additional individuals, vehicles, or structures. Any children present should receive immediate medical attention before being turned over to the Family Independence Agency (FIA).

# 1-866-METH-TIP

### ***Your Life Depends on It!***



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